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H.B. No. 2197

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an agreement between a school district and public
3 institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program to
4 high school students enrolled in the district.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.009(b-2), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (b-2) Any agreement, including a memorandum of
9 understanding or articulation agreement, between a school district
10 and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit
11 program described by Subsection (b-1) must:

12 (1) include specific program goals aligned with the
13 statewide goals developed under Subsection (b-1);

14 (2) establish common advising strategies and
15 terminology related to dual credit and college readiness;

16 (3) provide for the alignment of endorsements
17 described by Section 28.025(c-1) offered by the district, and dual
18 credit courses offered under the agreement that apply towards those
19 endorsements, with postsecondary pathways at the institution;

20 (4) identify tools, including tools developed by the
21 agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, or the Texas
22 Workforce Commission, to assist school counselors, students, and
23 families in selecting endorsements offered by the district and dual
24 credit courses offered under the agreement;

1 (5) establish, or provide a procedure for
2 establishing, the course credits that may be earned under the
3 agreement, including by developing a course equivalency crosswalk
4 or other method for equating high school courses with college
5 courses and identifying the number of credits that may be earned for
6 each course completed through the program;

7 (6) [~~(3)~~] describe the academic supports and, if
8 applicable, guidance that will be provided to students
9 participating in the program;

10 (7) [~~(4)~~] establish the district's and the
11 institution's respective roles and responsibilities in providing
12 the program and ensuring the quality and instructional rigor of the
13 program;

14 (8) [~~(5)~~] state the sources of funding for courses
15 offered under the program, including, at a minimum, the sources of
16 funding for tuition, transportation, and any required fees or
17 textbooks for students participating in the program; and

18 (9) [~~(6)~~] be posted each year on the district's and the
19 institution's respective Internet websites.

20 SECTION 2. Section 28.009(b-2), Education Code, as amended
21 by this Act, applies only to an agreement to provide a dual credit
22 program entered into or renewed on or after September 1, 2019. An
23 agreement to provide a dual credit program entered into or renewed
24 before September 1, 2019, is governed by the law as it existed at
25 the time the agreement was entered into or renewed, and the former
26 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.